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## POTENTATE WILSON APPOINTED JUDGE OF PROBATE

OUR Illustrous Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who has been prominent in Republican politics in Boston for many years, was recently appointed to the position of Judge of Probate of Suffolk County by Governor Saltonstall. He was appointed to succeed Judge William F. Prest who has been retired on pension on his own behalf.

Potentate Wilson is a native of South Boston and at present lives at 44 Kenwood Street, Dorchester, a district from which he was elected for six two-year terms to the Boston City Council. Last year he retired voluntarily from the Council.

He was a classmate of Governor Saltonstall at Harvard College in the class of 1914 and also Harvard Law School from which he was graduated in 1917. Immediately upon his graduation from law school he was admitted to the bar and has practised law in Boston to the present time.

He was the Republican nominee for District Attorney of Suffolk County in 1934 and made an unsuccessful bid for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 1938. He was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1936 and 1940.

Potentate Wilson is a Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M., a Past Ex. High Priest of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter of Boston, a Past Illustrous Master of Boston Council, R. & S. M., and is the Junior Past Commander of Boston Commandery. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Boston and Milton Lodge K. of P.

## CHIEF RABBAN LOMBARD APPOINTED

CHIEF RABBAN WILLARD P. LOMBARD has been notified of his unanimous election as an officer in the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters, an organization composed entirely of Shriners in this country, Canada and the Hawaiian Islands, where the first group was organized a number of years ago.

He was elected to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Past Imperial Potentate Dana S. Williams. Noble Lombard is the only officer in the line coming from the northeastern section of the United States. Aleppo is pleased

to have one of its Nobles receive recognition from such an organization.

Noble Lombard is associated with the law firm of Stover, Sweetser & Lombard of Boston and is a Professor of Law at the Suffolk Law School in Boston.

## THE FALL CEREMONIAL

THE Fall Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple was held Friday, November 15, 1940, in Mechanics Building, Boston.

A meeting for business and receiving and balloting upon applications for membership in the Order was opened in Talbot Hall, at 4:00 P.M., by Illustrous Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who was assisted in the opening ceremonies by his elected and appointed officers.

The list of applicants for the Order was read and balloted upon, resulting in the election of 15 new members to the Temple and eight reinstatements.

The balloting on candidates having been completed, the newly elected members were escorted into the Temple where they took upon themselves the obligation of the Order and witnessed the ritualistic work of the first and third sections of the degree as portrayed by the Ritualistic Degree Team under the direction of Noble Wilfred C. Mills. At the conclusion of the ritual work the meeting was adjourned until 6:30 P.M.

From 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. a buffet dinner was served by Sellers, Caterers, under the supervision of the Chief Stewards and their assistants. The Aleppo Band entertained the Nobles in Grand Hall with a half hour band concert starting at 6:00 P.M.

Potentate Wilson, Jr., called the evening meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. in Grand Hall for the transaction of business and the final initiatory exercises.

Previous to the initiation, the uniformed units, under the direction of Commander Benjamin R. Vaughan, put on a Patrol Drill by platoons and an Evening Parade which was enthusiastically received by the Nobility.

During the business meeting, Potentate Wilson announced that this ceremonial was being held on the 58th wedding anniversary of Recorder Walter W. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison and asked Walter to step to the center of the stage. Potentate Wilson then surprised our Recorder by presenting him a console radio and said that he hoped Mrs. Morrison and Walter would spend many enjoyable evenings tuning in their favorite programs. Walter thanked the Potentate and Nobility for the gift and said he would enjoy his favorite programs much more in the future, because each time he turned on the set, he would think of Aleppo and the Nobles who were so thoughtful to remember him on this occasion.

The second section work, which followed and which was under the supervision of Director Paul F. Bowser, was likewise enjoyed.

The closing entertainment of the evening was a grand vaudeville show under the direction of that superior showman, Noble "Charlie" Pike.

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**TO THE NOBILITY OF ALEPPO**

**F**OUR officers send greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas Season and hope that the coming New Year will bless you and yours with Health, Happiness and Prosperity, that you may enjoy to the utmost your full measure of Peace on Earth in this peaceful democracy.

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 FRANK B. ELLS, *2nd Ceremonial Master*

**THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**T**HE annual meeting of Aleppo Temple will be held Saturday, January 25, 1941, at the Mechanics Building, Boston. The usual ritualistic degree will be given by the Ritualistic Degree Team in Talbot Hall at 4:00 P.M.

As this meeting is being held on a Saturday it will give many Nobles who have been unable to be present at previous meetings the chance to witness this beautiful and colorful rendition of the first and third sections of the Shrine Degree. The degree team consists of Nobles who are Past Masters of their Blue Lodge and are outstanding ritualists. Imperial Officers and Past Potentates of other Temples who have seen their work claim that they interpret and deliver the Shrine ritual work more completely than any other Shrine degree team in the Order.

**NOTES OF NOBLES**

**O**NE of Life Members, Noble William C. Batchelder, who for the past ten years has resided in California, visited Shrine Headquarters recently while passing through Boston.

Noble Batchelder, who says he is almost a "native son" out in sunny Cal., was the first Noble to greet the Aleppo boys when they landed in San Francisco in 1932 to attend the Imperial Council Session. He was so glad to see the old gang that he forgot his family and marched up the street with them.

Noble Batchelder visited a host of his old friends in and around Boston, and took time to attend his Blue Lodge in Wollaston, the first time in ten years.

Noble Bill hails from Eldridge, California, where he is Controller of the Sonoma State Home. His duties are to manage the Home which houses over

3000 people. A big job for a little Shriner. But Bill can do it.

News item—Palmer, Mass: When Judge Ernest E. Hobson of Superior Court returned home the other day after a tour of duty in Worcester, he brought nearly two and one-half tons of tin foil, collected during the past year by court attaches for the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children in Springfield.

We don't know whether or not the Judge is a Shriner, but we do know he must be a friend of the kiddies at Springfield.

Many of our old timers will no doubt remember Noble Albert L. Tompkins. Noble Tompkins has moved to Readfield, Maine, where he will make his home in the future. He has just received a gold medal from the Blue Lodge marking his fiftieth year as a Mason and with Mrs. Tompkins, recently celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Another Shriner from sunny California looked in at headquarters the other day. Noble Robert K. Malcolm, a member of Islam Temple and owner and proprietor of the Liberty Farms Company of Rio Vista, Calif. Noble Malcolm has over 2000 acres of farm land under cultivation where he raises asparagus, peas and many other vegetables which he sells to well known canning companies. You have no doubt eaten some of his products in your home.

With all his duties, Noble Malcolm found time out to fly to Boston on some personal business in connection with his hobby, which is known as "Coursing". He is a National officer of the National Coursing Association and has as a hobby the breeding and racing of Greyhounds.

Noble George Thornburg of Waltham was honored by his Blue Lodge, Monitor Lodge of that city, at their regular meeting, Monday, November 25, when they presented him with a Life Membership and Jewel to signify his membership in the Lodge for 30 consecutive years. Noble George is one of the active Assistant Stewards of Aleppo and has been for many years the chief commissary for the Ancients.

Noble Leonard Stevenson of Somerville was installed Master of Putnam Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Cambridge at their regular meeting November 18, held in Masonic Temple, Porter Square, Cambridge.

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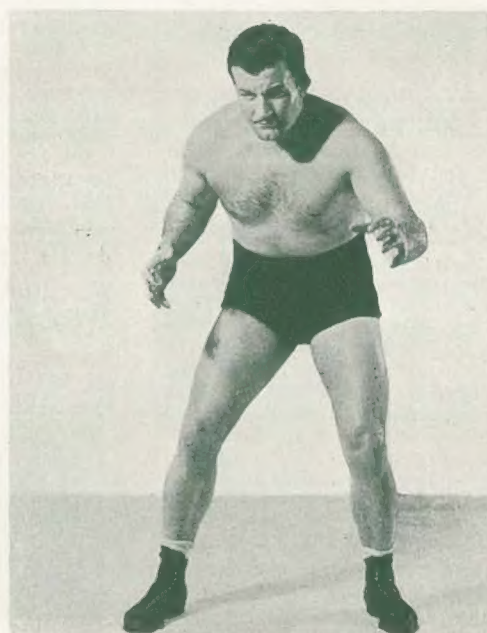
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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING  
Associate Editor

# "OH DEAR, WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?"

WE have had this question propounded to us several times of late, and why we did not get a larger turn out at rehearsals and other band functions. So we sat us down to do a little cogitating on this important subject. After carefully considering the matter and taking inventory, we finally awoke to the fact that the older members who made the band what it was twenty years or so ago, are getting older every day, and where in those early years our heads were crowned with a luxuriant growth of hair, now the hirsute appendage is getting thin and what is left is turning to silver. Alas, a lot of us are not as full of pep as in the days of yore. So what? The answer is obvious—we need new blood and a lot of youngsters to carry on when the going gets too rough.

With this idea in mind, we suggested to our Leader that he send out an SOS for new recruits. Aleppo has been taking in some young candidates the past few years, and among them, no doubt, there are several with musical ability, who would welcome a chance to join up with the band and go places if they only had an invitation. We hope we may be right in this surmise of ours; at any rate it is well worth giving a little consideration.

We had a nice letter from Noble Fred Randlett, of Nashua, N. H., who used to play the oboe in the band. But we were sorry to learn from him that Noble "Gus" Simmonds was at the Soldiers' Home Hospital in Chelsea. Some of the boys have visited him at the hospital, while others have sent him cards. At last accounts "Gus" was improving, and we hope to have him with us again before long.

Before this issue of the News reaches the Nobility, Thanksgiving Day will be but a memory, and possibly some of them may have had a chance to celebrate two of 'em. One proclaimed by F. D. R. for November 21, and the other the real New England festivity on November 28, in accordance with the hallowed traditions of our Forefathers (and Mothers), and proclaimed by our "Noble" Governor Saltonstall. But whether you observed one or both, we hope you had a darned good time, and that the bicarbonate held out.

We are very sorry to report the death of another member of the band, Noble George B. Quinby, of the flute section, who passed away on November 20, from a heart attack. We shall miss him from the band functions, as Noble Quinby was not only a fine musician, and dependable at all times, but a loyal friend and a genial companion, loved and respected by all who knew him. To his sorrowing wife and family we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

## THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON

The last luncheon of the year will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 1940, at the Copley-Plaza Hotel at 12:30 P.M. The speaker of the occasion has not yet been announced but our Potentate assures us that he will obtain for this final luncheon a man who is outstanding among public speakers and one who will have a real message to give to the Nobility to start them off on their journey through the coming new year. So, come to this luncheon, Noble, and see what is in store for you.

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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

**M**EMBERS of the Patrol are proud and pleased in the recent appointment of our former Patrol member, Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., to the honorable office of Judge of Probate by Governor Saltonstall. Gardiner has been a tireless public worker in his community for years, as well as in fraternal circles, while engaged in his extensive law practice. He has hosts of friends and well-wishers who rejoice in his appointment. We add our sincere congratulations.

Noble Harold Burr did an artistic job with the bells at the November ceremonial. His playing of "God Bless America" with the special lighting arrangements for the setting made it a very impressive feature. Lieutenant Walter Benson missed his first ceremonial in years on account of sickness, but he is better now and is back at his business. Everybody was glad to see Dave Roberts at the ceremonial: it was the first time he had ventured outside since his injury, a month before.

The members of the first platoon are planning a party for Noble John Woodruff, December 13, at Major Vaughan's home in Melrose. The party is to celebrate his recent marriage. John works in the Post Office at West Concord and is a member of Corinthian Lodge, Waldon Chapter, and Sir Galahad Commandery and has been three years in the first platoon.

Last month we referred to Herb Lundy having reached the office of Senior Warden in De Molay Commandery, in which we demoted him. Our error—Herb is Captain General.

Noble Alec Campbell, with the assistance of Noble George Weeks, did the honors in the public installation at Gate of the Temple Lodge, December 5. These two Past Masters are popular "installers" in the peninsula district.

The Patrol is saddened this month by the passing of two of our active members, Nobles Charles Stickney and Frank Legro.

Noble Stickney died at his home in East Brownville, Maine, November 1. He was the oldest member on the Patrol and the oldest in service, having joined in 1908. During these thirty-two years he never missed a tour of the Patrol, so his association with the members, from coast to coast, leaves real memories of a splendid man which will long remain with us. "Stick" was Past Master of his Lodge and was a District Judge in his home town. His Masonic connections included membership in Shepard River Lodge, No. 169, Signet Chapter, No. 26, DeWitt Clinton Commandery and New Hampshire Consistory.

Noble Legro died at the Union Hospital, Lynn, November 9. He was one of the most active members of the

fourth platoon during the past ten years, a leader in entertainment and in the sports programs of the Temple. He was president of the Excelsior Laundry of Lynn, and also was a Public Accountant. One of the most prominent business men in Lynn, he was formerly president of the Massachusetts Laundry Owners' Association. He has been serving as chairman of the Auditing Committee of Aleppo Temple. He will be greatly missed in his many fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Jesters, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Benjamin F. Arrington Lodge, Swampscott Chapter and Boston Consistory.

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A VERY recent gift to Aleppo Temple was that of a pair of wooden candlesticks which have occupied a place of prominence on the mantel in the office of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Joseph Earl Perry.

At the beginning of the Grand Master's term of office about three years ago, our present High Priest and Prophet, Lionel G. H. Palmer, who for many years has been a personal friend of the Grand Master, presented him with a piece of wood taken from the Faneuil Hall, nationally known as the "Cradle of Liberty". The Grand Master had a gavel and a pair of candlesticks made from the wood. The gavel he presented to his own Blue Lodge in New Hampshire when he was made Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and placed the candlesticks on the mantel in the Grand Master's office to remain there during his term of office, later to be presented to Noble Palmer at the expiration of his term of office as Grand Master.

As Most Worshipful Brother Perry

is soon retiring from office he has presented the candlesticks to Noble Palmer as a memento of his term as Grand Master.

Previous to the opening of the November ceremonial of Aleppo Temple, Noble Palmer, in the presence of the officers of the Temple, presented the

candlesticks to Potentate Wilson, Jr., who accepted them for the Temple and placed them in a prominent place in the Potentate's office.

Aleppo thanks Noble Palmer for this distinctive gift and through him, Grand Master Perry, who is likewise a Noble of Aleppo.

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**106—OFFICE MANAGER AND ACCOUNTANT.** Thirty years in charge of large office force as head accountant and treasurer, also experience as office manager and assistant to Treasurer.

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**108—FOREMAN ELECTRICIAN.** Experience with large corporations, and in business for himself for 25 years.

**109—DEPARTMENT MANAGER.** Grocery and Creamery business, also bookkeeping experience. Graduate of Burdett College. 30 years experience.

**111—SUPERINTENDENT FOR ARCHITECT OR GENERAL CONTRACTOR.** 34 years experience in architecture as draftsman, in charge of office; also as superintendent of construction. Carpenter foreman before starting in architecture.

**112—SILVERSMITH.** Also experienced as Project Superintendent and surveying records in departments of education, health, and corrections; commercial training and experience in buying, selling, and training managers for stores.

**113—PURCHASING AGENT.** Experience with a sizeable city near Boston, also salesman for Boston commercial concern.

**114—SALES MANAGER AND FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE.** Experience in opening new territory and promoting new business in the middle west and east.

**115—SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.** Ten years experience as Building Contractor. Would like position as Superintendent of a building or apartment house, with desirable apartment included with salary.

**116—ORNAMENTAL CARVER.** Experience on statuary and wood, ivory, plastic

and stone, also in laying gold leaf with large concerns in Boston, New York, etc.; has also taught the foregoing lines in schools and colleges.

**117—ADVERTISING MANAGER.** Experienced in advertising, manager of Findings department in Shoe Jobbing, Buyer of Supplies, Warehouse Supt., Office Manager, Personnel Supervisor, and Paymaster.

**118—WHOLESALE DRY GOODS SALESMAN.** 43 years with a Boston company as travelling salesman as long as company was in business. Several years as buyer for same firm.

**119—TACK-MAKER AND PAY-ROLL CLERK.** 16 years experience as tack-maker and pay-roll clerk; also experienced as cost clerk and electrician, truck driver, and machinist, some training at Mass. Radio and Tel. School.

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**121—SALES MANAGER — MANUFACTURER'S FIELD REPRESENTATIVE — SALESMAN.** Past ten years district sales manager for a large manufacturing company distributing electrical specialties. Experienced in sales development, adjustments, public relations, etc.

**122—SALES MANAGER.** Broad experience in hiring, training, and developing sales and salesmen; also experienced as employment manager, and selling high grade specialties and annuities.

**123—HEATING AND VENTILATING.** Thirty-two years with one concern as estimator and draftsman, and later as office manager and member of firm.

**124—BUILDER AND PLUMBER.** Contracting builder having large experience building apartment houses and garages. Has A. B. and C. licenses for building contractors.

**125—BAKERY AND CATERING.** Eleven years experience as assistant to bakery foreman and catering; also sales experience, and in business for himself for a number of years.

**126—OFFICE MANAGER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER.** Bryant & Stratton Commercial School training, 22 years with large corporation as director, office manager and assistant treasurer; has also held responsible positions with freight and passenger steamship lines, and insurance general agencies as an executive.

**127—SALESMAN.** Sales-contracting and engineering experience with large company manufacturing electro-mechanical handling and transportation machinery, also building materials and equipment. Knows N. E. Territory, Architects, Engineers, and Contractors. Will go anywhere—car available.

**128—CHEMIST AND STORE MANAGER.** Experienced in U. S. Navy as chemist testing stability of smokeless powder and gun cotton; also worked in large department stores as department manager and has dealt in automobiles.

**129—BUSINESS CONNECTION WANTED.** A responsible connection where executive, sales and production experience is required, or a New England Distributorship, Agency, or Representation would be welcome, and given serious consideration.

**130—BOOKKEEPER AND SALESMAN.** With large wholesale hay and grain concerns for several years; also experienced as chauffeur for large trucking concern. Would be interested in making connection to care for Real Estate.

**132—SALES MANAGER.** Experienced sales manager, office manager, personnel manager, and a Specialty Salesman with experience in Food Products, Tires, Home Insulation and Heating.

**133—SALESMAN.** 20 years experience as security salesman, sales manager—also experienced in electrical heating and lighting equipment.

**134—SALESMAN.** Jewelry—qualified to produce results for a credit or cash store. Capable, honest, experienced, and thoroughly understands the business.

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**138—SUPT. OF TEXTILE WEAVING.** Experienced overseer and superintendent of Worsted and Woolen weaving.

**139—ARCHITECT.** 30 years experience in all types of construction work. Would like to contact financial party interested in small home development.

**140—CHAUFFEUR** would like to drive physician's car.

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By VAIL K. HAAK

Associate Editor

**W**ELL, it is just about time that this column was able to print some scores. We have already bowled five matches, so you can see just about who is good and what Nobles are in there trying.

Harold Chase leads the pack in averages with 112, which is quite a feat as this only the second year that Harold has been bowling Boston Pins. The runner-up in this department is Jones with an average of 108. The next seven Nobles in order are Greig 105, Kerr 104, Robbins 102, Halladay 101, J. C. Juthe 101, Gordon 100, Bearse 100. Chase also has the high single, 155, and 3-string total of 379. Kerr has second high string, 140, and Jones has second high three-string, 363.

This column is sorry to relate that we are not graced with the presence, lately, of that great little fellow, "Our President" Jim Greig. The latest report is that he must refrain from bowling for awhile. The boys all miss you, Jim, so hurry and get back.

I also hear that we are to lose Harry Gordon for awhile. He has gone to Devens. Not in the Army, but to work in the auditing department.

We still have a couple of spots in our ranks where we could use some Nobles who are interested in bowling.

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However, as Walter was unable to be at the conclave, Em. Sir Lynn made a special call at the Recorder's office in Shrine Headquarters and in the presence of several Sir Knights and Nobles, presented to Walter and pinned upon his breast the coveted medal which is issued by the Grand Commandery. They are given to Sir Knights who have served forty years or more in their respective Commanderies.

In a few brief remarks, "Russ" stated his pleasure in presenting this medal as one of his last duties as Commander of St. Omer Commandery.

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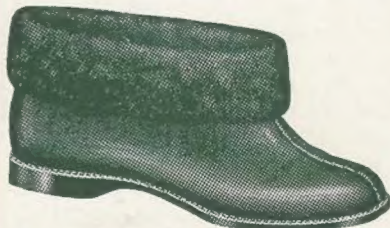
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